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Joint Committee on Finance 100TH ANNIVERSARY 1911 - 2011

MEMORANDUM

To:

Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Senator Alberta Darling

Representative Robin Vos

Date:

November 17, 2011

Re:

14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on November 17, 2011.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Vos** no later than **Wednesday**, **December 7**, **2011** if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

AB:RV:jm

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The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 317 East State Capitol PO Box 7882 Madison WI 53707-7882 The Honorable Robin Vos, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 309 East State Capitol PO Box 8953 Madison, WI 53707-53708

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Vos:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of the use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The City of Racine has requested \$937,440.00 for their project titled "Racine Harbor Outer Breakwater Rehabilitation – Phase 3". The proposed grant amount represents 42% of the estimated total project costs.

The proposed project will rehabilitate 450 feet of the outer breakwater of Racine Harbor on Lake Michigan. The outer leg of the breakwater has deteriorated after 90 years and is in need of reconstruction. The breakwater protects recreational boaters using the marina and serves as a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan for boaters during inclement weather. The rehabilitation will encapsulate the existing, failing breakwater and provide a stable structure that protects the Harbor. Phase 3 will complete the rehabilitation of the 1,500-foot long outer breakwater.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Cathy Stepp

Julie Sauer, CAES Div. Administrator Kurt Thiede, Lands Div. Administrator

Mary Rose Teves, Director, CFA Bureau

DATE:

November 17, 2011

TO:

Members, Joint Committee on Finance

FROM:

Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GREATER

THAN \$250,000

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of the proposed use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The City of Racine has requested \$937,440.00 for their project titled "Racine Harbor Outer Breakwater Rehabilitation – Phase 3". The proposed grant amount represents 42% of the estimated total project costs. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats. Project details are listed below:

Project Sponsor:

Racine County

Grant sub-program:

Recreational Boating Facilities (No land is being acquired.)

Financial Information: See last page.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Location:

Racine Harbor, City of Racine, Racine County

The Racine Harbor is located along the shore of Lake Michigan, where the Root River flows into the lake. Recreational boaters can access the Racine Harbor from the public boat launch at the harbor, or from elsewhere on Lake Michigan or the Root River. The Outer Breakwater includes a public walkway that is accessible from the shore, as well as from public parking available at the harbor next to the walkway.

Project Goals: The Racine Harbor Outer Breakwater Rehabilitation – Phase 3 project meets the following goals:

- Renovates existing public nature-based outdoor recreation facilities.
- Provides and enhances public access to the Racine Harbor and Outer Breakwater, especially for elderly, disabled, and minorities.
- Rehabilitates the existing, failing breakwater.
- Protects recreational boaters using the marina and serves as a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan for boaters during inclement weather.

Project Description: The project will rehabilitate 450 feet of the outer breakwater of the Racine harbor on Lake Michigan. The outer leg of the breakwater has deteriorated after 90 years and is in need of reconstruction. The breakwater protects recreational boaters using the marina and serves as a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan for boaters during inclement weather. The rehabilitation will encapsulate the existing, failing breakwater and provide a stable structure that protects the harbor. The outer breakwater also provides a public walkway. Permits have been issued by DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers for the entire project. Phase 3 will complete the rehabilitation of the 1,500 foot long outer breakwater.



Public Uses: The Racine Harbor Outer Breakwater provides continual protection for recreational boaters and of the harbor itself. The public walkway on the outer breakwater is available to the public at all times, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. The outer breakwater is popular with public users for walking along the public walkway, fishing, pienicking, and enjoying the views of the harbor and Lake Michigan.

Property Management: Racine County has owned and managed the breakwaters of the Racine Harbor since it was conveyed to them from the federal government in 1986. Racine County has completed rehabilitation projects of other portions of the breakwater structures and maintains these to ensure their integrity and longevity.

Partnerships:

- Racine County: Responsible for renovation, and maintenance of outer breakwater.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides grant up to 42% of eligible development costs or grant cost share amount of \$937,440.00

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		Racine County Funds	\$1,294,560.00
		DNR Funding – 42%	\$ 937,440.00

II. RECOMMENDED:







